

FOREIGN PRODUCERS'/EXPORTERS' QUESTIONNAIRE
CERTAIN POLYESTER STAPLE FIBER FROM CHINA

Return completed questionnaire to:

UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

Office of Investigations, Room 615
500 E Street, SW, Washington, DC 20436

So as to be received by the Commission by no later than July 7, 2006

The information called for in this questionnaire is for use by the United States International Trade Commission in connection with its antidumping investigation concerning certain polyester staple fiber from China (Inv. No. 731-TA-1104 (Preliminary)). The information requested in the questionnaire is requested under the authority of the Tariff Act of 1930, title VII.

Name of firm _____

Address _____

World Wide Web address _____

Has your firm produced or exported certain polyester staple fiber (as defined in the instruction booklet) at any time since January 1, 2003?

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NO (Sign the certification below and promptly return only this page of the questionnaire to the Commission)

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YES (Read the instruction booklet carefully, complete all parts of the questionnaire, sign the certification, and return the entire questionnaire to the Commission)

CERTIFICATION

I certify that the information herein supplied in response to this questionnaire is complete and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief and understand that the information submitted is subject to audit and verification by the Commission.

By signing this certification I also grant consent for the Commission, and its employees and contract personnel, to use the information provided in this questionnaire and throughout this investigation in any other import-injury investigations conducted by the Commission on the same or similar merchandise. (If you do not consent to such use, please note the certification accordingly.)

I acknowledge that information submitted in this questionnaire response and throughout this investigation may be used by the Commission, its employees, and contract personnel who are acting in the capacity of Commission employees, for developing or maintaining the records of this investigation or related proceedings for which this information is submitted, or in internal audits and investigations relating to the programs and operations of the Commission pursuant to 5 U.S.C. Appendix 3. I understand that all contract personnel will sign non-disclosure agreements.

Name and Title of Authorized Official

Date

Signature of Authorized Official

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Phone

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Fax

E-mail address

PART I.--GENERAL QUESTIONS

The questions in this questionnaire have been reviewed with market participants to ensure that issues of concern are adequately addressed and that data requests are sufficient, meaningful, and as limited as possible. Public reporting burden for this questionnaire is estimated to average 20 hours per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering the data needed, and completing and reviewing the questionnaire. Send comments regarding the accuracy of this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing the burden, to the Office of Investigations, U.S. International Trade Commission, 500 E Street, SW, Washington, DC 20436.

- I-1a. Please report below the actual number of hours required and the cost to your firm of preparing the reply to this questionnaire and completing the form.

_____ hours _____ dollars

- I-1b. We are interested in any comments you may have for improving this questionnaire in general or the clarity of specific questions. Please attach such comments to your response or send them to the above address.

- I-2. Provide the name and address of establishment(s) covered by this questionnaire (see page 3 of the instruction booklet for reporting guidelines). If your firm is publicly traded, please specify the stock exchange and trading symbol.

- I-3. Please provide the names, street addresses (not P.O. boxes), contacts, telephone numbers, and e-mail addresses of the **FIVE** largest U.S. importers of your firm's certain polyester staple fiber in 2005.

- I-4. Does your firm or any related firm produce, have the capability to produce, or have any plans to produce certain polyester staple fiber in the United States or other countries?

☐ No

☐ Yes--Please name the firm(s) and country(ies) below and, if U.S. producer(s), ensure that they complete the Commission's producer questionnaire (contact Jeremy Wise, Investigator, (202)-205-3190 or jeremy.wise@usitc.gov, for copies of that questionnaire).

PART I.--GENERAL QUESTIONS--Continued

I-5. Does your firm or any related firm import or have any plans to import certain polyester staple fiber into the United States?

☐ No

☐ Yes--Please name the firm(s) below and ensure that they complete the Commission's importer questionnaire (contact Jeremy Wise, Investigator, (202)-205-3190 or jeremy.wise@usitc.gov, for copies of that questionnaire).

PART II.--TRADE AND RELATED INFORMATION

II-1. Does your firm have any plans to add, expand, curtail, or shut down production capacity and/or production of certain polyester staple fiber in China?

☐ No

☐ Yes--Please describe those plans, including planned dates and capacity/production quantities involved, and the reason(s) for such change(s). If the plans are to add or expand capacity or production, list (in descending order of importance) the markets (countries) to which such additional capacity or production would be directed.

II-2. What percentage of your firm's total sales in its most recent fiscal year was represented by sales of certain polyester staple fiber?

_____ Percent

II-3. Has your firm since Jan. 1, 2003, produced other products on the same equipment and machinery used in the production of certain polyester staple fiber?

☐ No

☐ Yes--Please provide the following information.

Basis for allocation of capacity data (e.g., sales): _____

Products produced on same equipment and share of total production in 2005 (in percent):

<u>Product</u>	<u>Percent</u>	<u>Product</u>	<u>Percent</u>
certain polyester staple fiber	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

PART II.--TRADE AND RELATED INFORMATION--Continued**Quantity (in thousands of pounds)**

Item	Calendar years			Jan.-March.	
	2003	2004	2005	2005	2006
Annual capacity for all products					
Production of:					
Subject products					
PSF of less than 3 denier ¹					
PSF for carpeting ²					
Low-melt PSF ³					
Other ⁴					
All products					
¹ Merchandise of less than 3.3 decitex (less than 3 denier). ² Merchandise of 10 to 18 denier that are cut to lengths of 6 to 8 inches. ³ Bi-component fiber with an outer sheath that melts at a significantly lower temperature than its inner core. ⁴ Please describe: _____					

II-4. Has your firm since January 1, 2003 produced, or does your firm anticipate producing in the future, other products using the same production and related workers employed to produce certain polyester staple fiber?

☐ No

☐ Yes--List the following information.

Product

Period

Basis for allocation of employment data

II-5. Please describe the constraint(s) that set the limit(s) on your production capacity.

PART II.--TRADE AND RELATED INFORMATION--Continued

- II-6. Has your firm maintained any inventories of certain polyester staple fiber in the United States (not including inventories held by firms identified in questions I-3, I-4, or I-5 above¹) since 2003?

☐ No ☐ Yes--Report the quantity (in thousand of pounds) of such **end-of-period** inventories below.

<u>2003</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>March</u> <u>2005</u>	<u>March</u> <u>2006</u>
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

- II-7. Does your firm sell certain polyester staple fiber over the internet?

☐ No ☐ Yes--Please describe, noting the estimated percentage of your firm's total sales of certain polyester staple fiber in 2005 accounted for by internet sales.

- II-8. Is the certain polyester staple fiber exported by your firm subject to antidumping findings or remedies in any WTO-member countries?

☐ No ☐ Yes--List the products(s), countries affected, and the date of such findings/remedies.

<i>Product</i>	<i>Country</i>	<i>Date</i>
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

- II-9. Please explain the basis for your projections in question II-10.

¹ Such firms will report inventories in the Commission's importer or producer questionnaire.

PART II.--TRADE AND RELATED INFORMATION--Continued

II-10. Please report production capacity, production, shipments, and inventories of certain polyester staple fiber produced by your firm in China during the specified periods.

(Quantity in thousands of pounds)							
Item	Actual experience					Projections	
	2003	2004	2005	January-March		2006	2007
				2005	2006		
AVERAGE PRODUCTION CAPACITY¹							
BEGINNING-OF-PERIOD INVENTORIES²							
PRODUCTION³							
SHIPMENTS:							
Internal consumption/transfers							
Home market sales							
Exports to--							
United States⁴							
All other export markets⁵							
Total exports							
Total shipments							
END-OF-PERIOD INVENTORIES							
¹ The production capacity (see definitions in instruction booklet) reported is based on operating ____ hours per week, ____ weeks per year. Please describe the methodology used to calculate production capacity, and explain any changes in reported capacity (use additional pages as necessary).							
² <u>Reconciliation of data</u> --Please note that the quantities reported above should reconcile as follows: beginning-of-period inventories, plus production, less total shipments, equals end-of-period inventories. Do the data reported reconcile? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No--Please explain: _____							
³ Please estimate the percentage of total production of certain polyester staple fiber in China accounted for by your firm's production in 2005. ____ Percent							
⁴ Please estimate the percentage of total exports to the United States of certain polyester staple fiber from China accounted for by your firm's exports in 2005. ____ Percent							
⁵ Identify principal <i>other</i> export markets. _____							

PART II.--TRADE AND RELATED INFORMATION--Continued

II-11. Please report your firm's exports to the United States of certain polyester staple fiber (by product group) produced by your firm in China.

<i>(Quantity in thousands of pounds, value in \$1,000)</i>					
Item	Calendar year			Jan.-March	
	2003	2004	2005	2005	2006
VIRGIN POLYESTER STAPLE FIBER ¹					
CONJUGATE POLYESTER STAPLE FIBER ²					
REGENERATED POLYESTER STAPLE FIBER ³					
OTHER POLYESTER STAPLE FIBER ⁴					
TOTAL EXPORTS ⁵					

¹ "Virgin polyester staple fiber," as used here, is single component, single crimp PSF that does not contain regenerated fibers. Virgin fibers are made directly from raw materials and are characterized by the purity of the whiteness of the fibers.

² "Conjugate polyester staple fiber," as used here, is spiral/double crimp PSF made from two types of fiber (also known as bi-component fiber).

³ "Regenerated polyester staple," as used here, fiber does not contain any virgin fibers. It is made from recycled PET stock. Blended virgin and regenerated fiber products do not fall within this definition.

⁴ "Other polyester staple fiber," as used here, can include virgin, blended virgin, regenerated or other fiber products that do not fall within the available categories.

⁵ Total U.S. exports reported above should reconcile with U.S. exports reported in Section II-10